

CIVIL HOSPITAL, TRICHUR—IMPROVEMENTS TO.

268. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) what is the amount set apart for expenditure for improving the Civil Hospital at Trichur in 1114;

(b) how many additional beds will there be as a result of the improvements;

(c) what is the total amount fixed to be spent in the improvement scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(a) Rs. 25,000.

(b) The present estimate provides for a building for 32 beds. This building will be extended in 1115 and this extension will also provide accommodation for 32 additional beds.

(c) Rs. 50,000.

TREATMENT OF SIRKAR ELEPHANTS.

269. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of pandaravaka elephants in the State and where they are kept;

(2) whether there are paid Government Servants other than Veterinary Inspectors for elephant-treatment; if so, who they are and the salary paid to each;

(3) how many elephants died during the last 12 months?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*):

(1) Six elephants. They are stationed at different places, viz., one at Kuriarkutti, two at Kallampara, one at Karikadavu, and two at Palappilli.

(2) Yes. Elephant Vicharippu and his assistant; Rs. 50 and Rs. 25 a month respectively.

(3) Four elephants.

I may state before answering the question, that the figures printed here are those which were supplied before the last session. I may be permitted to give the correct figures.

(1) Nine elephants. They are stationed at different places, viz., one at Kuriarkutti, two at Kallampara, three at Palappilli and three at Parambikulam (under training).

(2) Yes, Elephant Vicharippu and his assistant; Rs. 50 and Rs. 25 a month respectively.

(3) Six elephants.